

MIFluFocus
October 12, 2005
Weekly Influenza Surveillance

Michigan Disease Surveillance System: Small weekly increases from summer levels of flu-like illness reports have been noted. These are based on school-based absenteeism reports and have been showing small gradual increases since the beginning of the school year. These are not increased compared to last year's reports for this time.

Syndromic Surveillance: Over the counter sales show slight increases from summer levels in pediatric and adult cough and cold indicators. Emergency Department visits due to respiratory complaints are beginning to increase slightly from summer levels.

Sentinel Surveillance (as of October 8, 2005): Influenza sentinel providers are reporting about one half of one percent (0.5%) of office visits are due to influenza-like illness (ILI) for the week ending October 8, 2005. Sentinel providers have been reporting ILI activity at about this level since summer.

Community or Facility-Based Outbreaks (as of October 12, 2005): None reported.

MDCH Laboratory Surveillance (as of October 12, 2005): The MDCH laboratory has reported one positive influenza from SW Michigan that was confirmed as an A, H3N2.

National: The CDC will begin its weekly reports October 14, 2005.

MDCH reported **SPORADIC** activity to the CDC for this past week ending
10/07/2005.
